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- The commander of the Air Force School at Mostar, Yugoslavia, is Major General Vlado l'atetic, Political Commissar is Lt. Col. Mirko Buric, and Chief of Staff is Lt. Col. Milorad Sukovic.
- The School has three battalions:

1 School Battalion:

Cormander

: Major Djordje Delic

Political Commissar : Milutin Cicek

The Battalion is composed of three companies with an overall strength of 180 pupils. Captain Mile Zatezalo is Commander of 1 Company, to which Captain Veljko Bulatovic is also assigned. Army officers are trained in this Company. The names of the commanders of 2 and 3 Companies are not known. Pupils coming from the civilian population are trained in the latter two Companies;

b. 2 School Battalion:

Commander

: Major Madsim Jondric

Political Commissar : Blagoje Domazetic

The Battalion is composed of three companies, with an overall strength of 230 pupils. Army officers are grouped in 2 Company; and

3 School Battalion:

Commander

: Captain Jerkovic

This Battalion is also composed of three companies, with an overall strength of 160 officers of Air Reserve.

- The course lasts three years, after which the pupils are placed on active duty.
- In addition to general military culture and political instruction, the courses are as follows: CONFIDENTIAL

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- a. The first course lasts six months and deals with theory. The pupils are taught mathematics, physics, mechanics, use of small arms, description of engines and airplanes, serial photography, description of MG-10 and K-40 photoeletric cameras, topography and geography;
- b. The second course lasts a year, during which the pupils learn celestial navigation, theory of flight, the rules governing serial combat, and radiotelegraphy. At the same time general and military training continues; and
- c. The third course laste a year and a half, and is essentially practical, coverning flight exercises with Aero-2 training planes in which from 60 to 120 sorties with instructor must be accomplished. Following this, the pupils pass to the Bikar airplanes and then to fighter planes. With the latter they must carry out various missions.
- 5. For those pupils who are subsequently promoted to the rank of officers in the Air Reserve, the course has a reduced program, but in it they are taught the same material as provided for the course applying to officers on active duty. Reserve pilots are required to carry out their problems only with training planes.
- 6. For assistance in carrying out the practical exercises, the 104 and 105 School Regiments have been placed at the disposition of the School. The 104 Regiment is located entirely at the Moster Airfield, while the 105 Regiment is distributed throughout the Moster, Mikeic, Titograd and Siroki Brijeg Airfields.
- 7. The School has two camps for housings
 - a. The west camp of loster has four two-story barracks, where the pupils are lodged. These barracks contain sanitary facilities, a dispensary, a service company, and a technical platoon; and
 - b. The south field of Moster is the site of the Air School Headquarters, with classrooms, Staff Company, Liaison Company and a professional unit, whose men are distributed throughout the various workshops.

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